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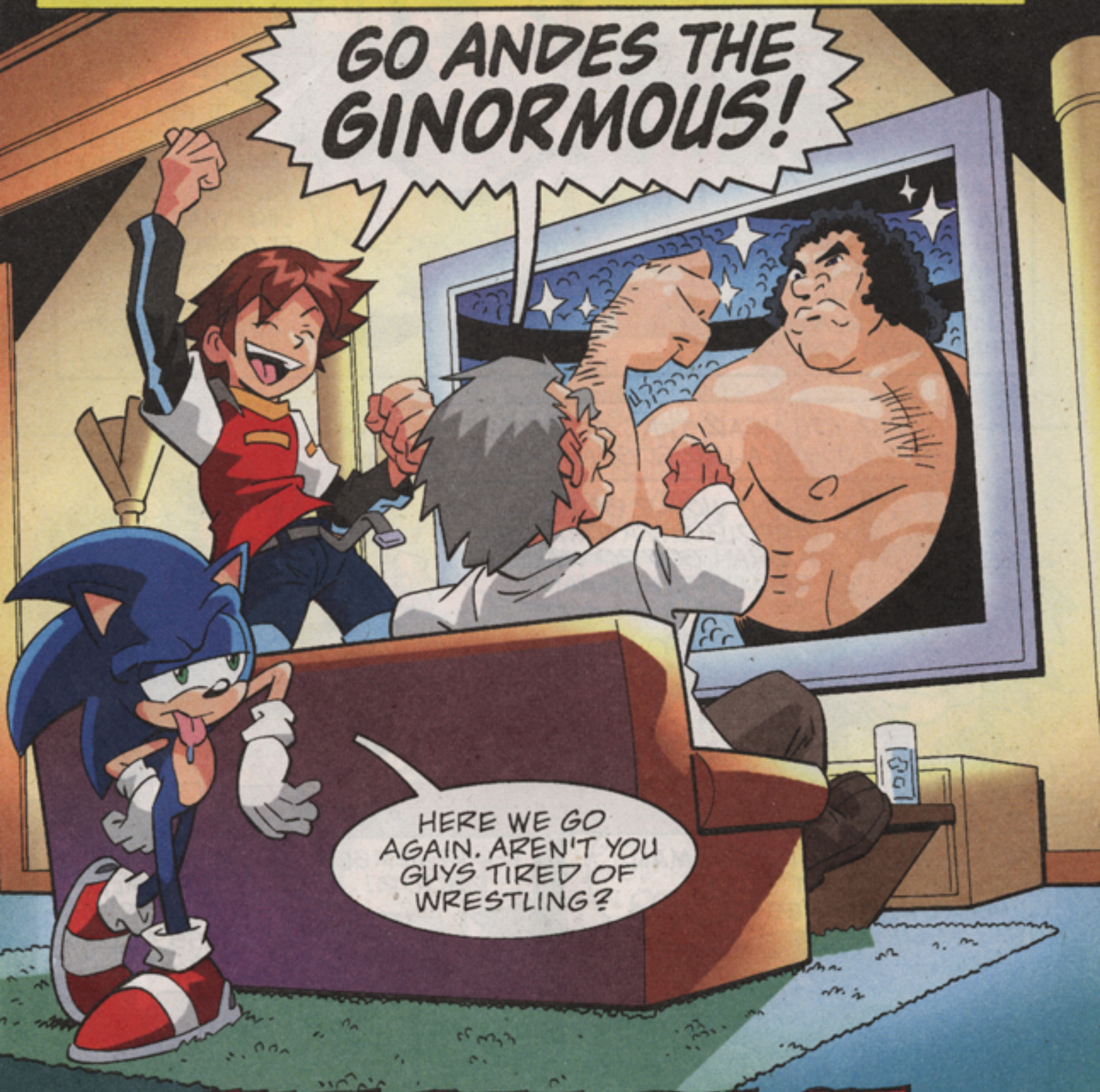
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG AND HIS FRIENDS WERE SENT TO EARTH BY ONE OF DR. EGGMAN'S MACHINES! NOW SONIC AND THE OTHERS HAVE MADE A HOME AND A NAME FOR THEMSELVES AS THEY SAVE THE DAY TIME AND AGAIN!




# THE RETURN OF EL GRAN GORDO!

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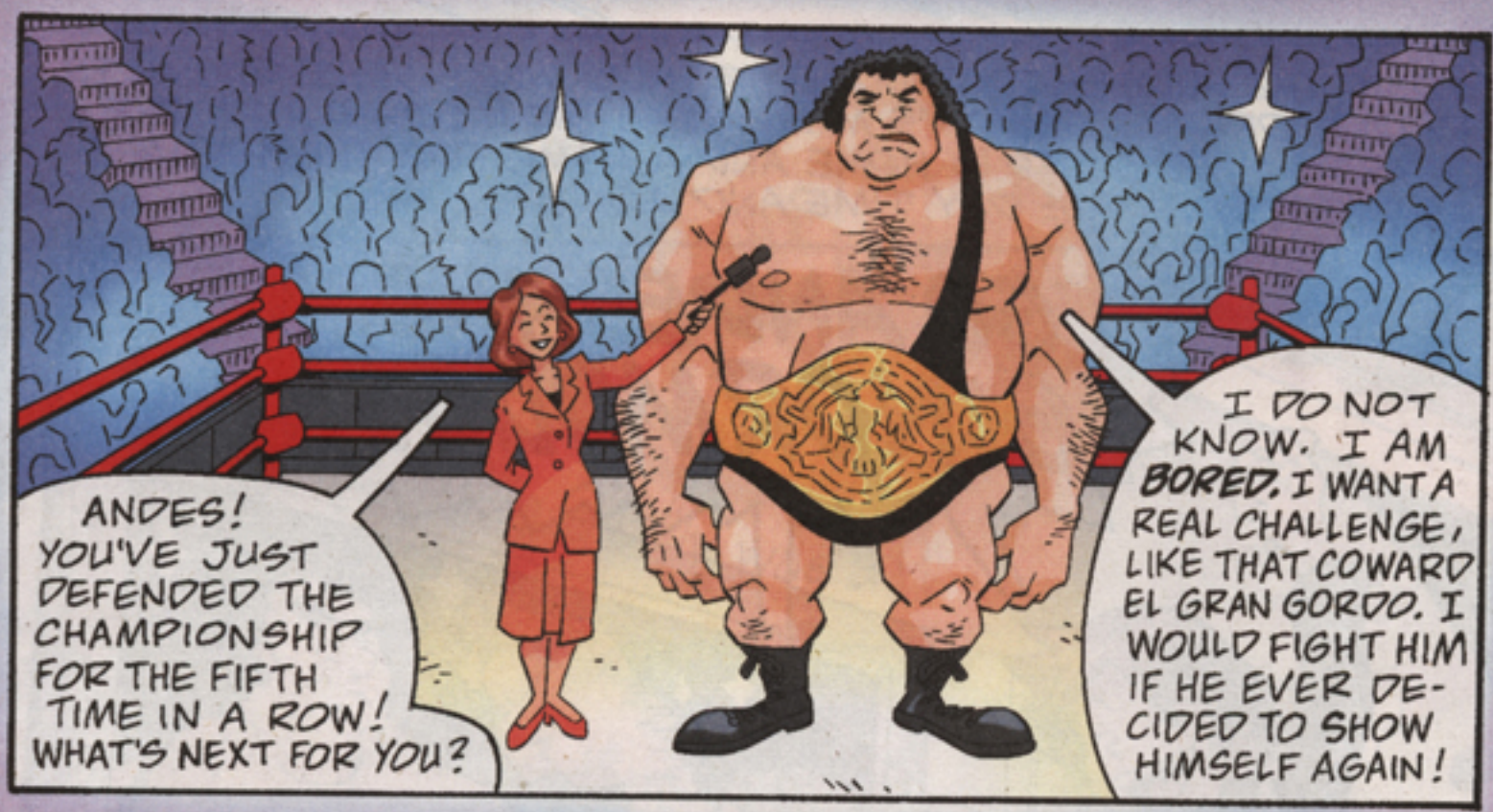
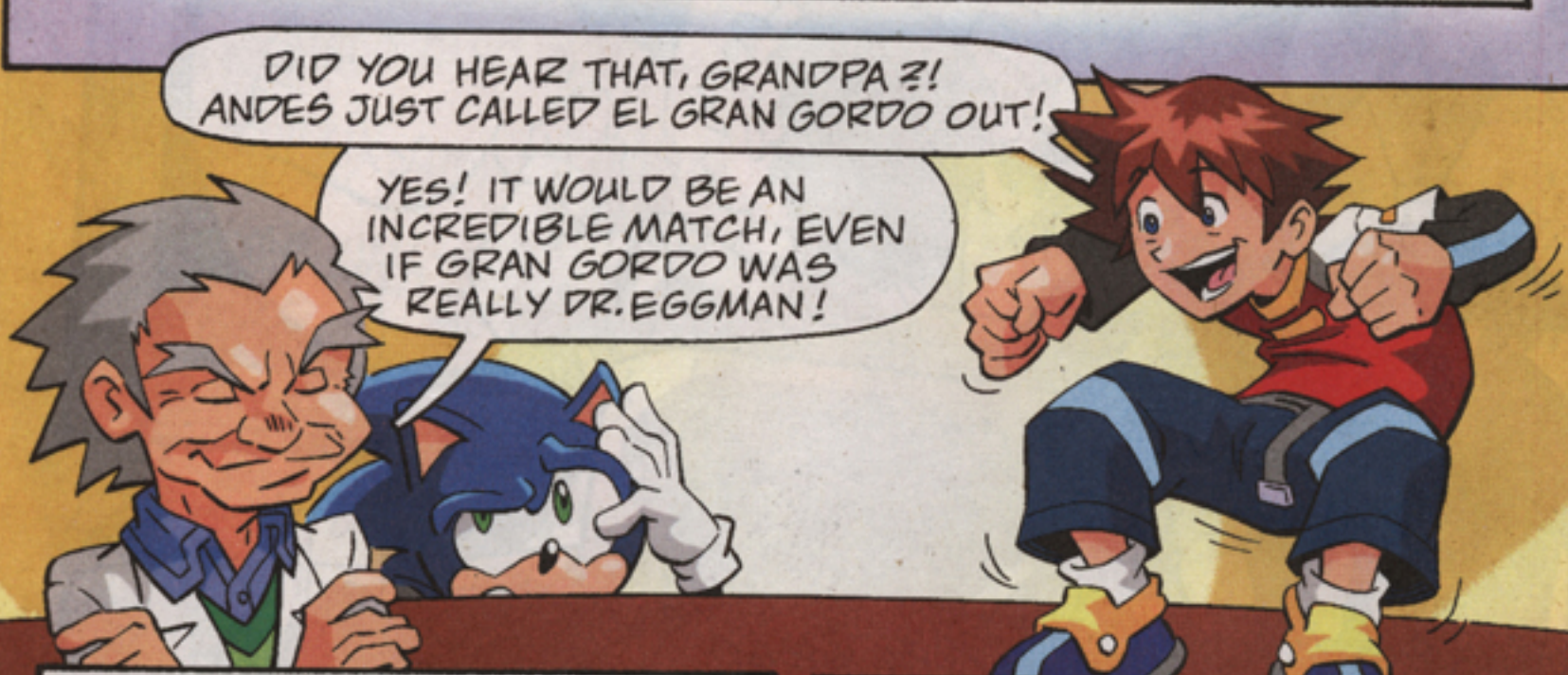

ANDES! YOU'VE JUST DEFENDED THE CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE FIFTH TIME IN A ROW! WHAT'S NEXT FOR YOU?
I DO NOT KNOW. I AM BORED. I WANT A REAL CHALLENGE, LIKE THAT COWARD EL GRAN GORDO. I WOULD FIGHT HIM IF HE EVER DECIDED TO SHOW HIMSELF AGAIN!


DID YOU HEAR THAT, GRANDPA ?! ANDES JUST CALLED EL GRAN GORDO OUT!
YES! IT WOULD BE AN INCREDIBLE MATCH, EVEN IF GRAN GORDO WAS REALLY DR. EGGMAN!

DREAM ON, GUYS. DR. EGGMAN GAVE UP ON THAT SILLY LUCHADOR BUSINESS A LONG TIME AGO!

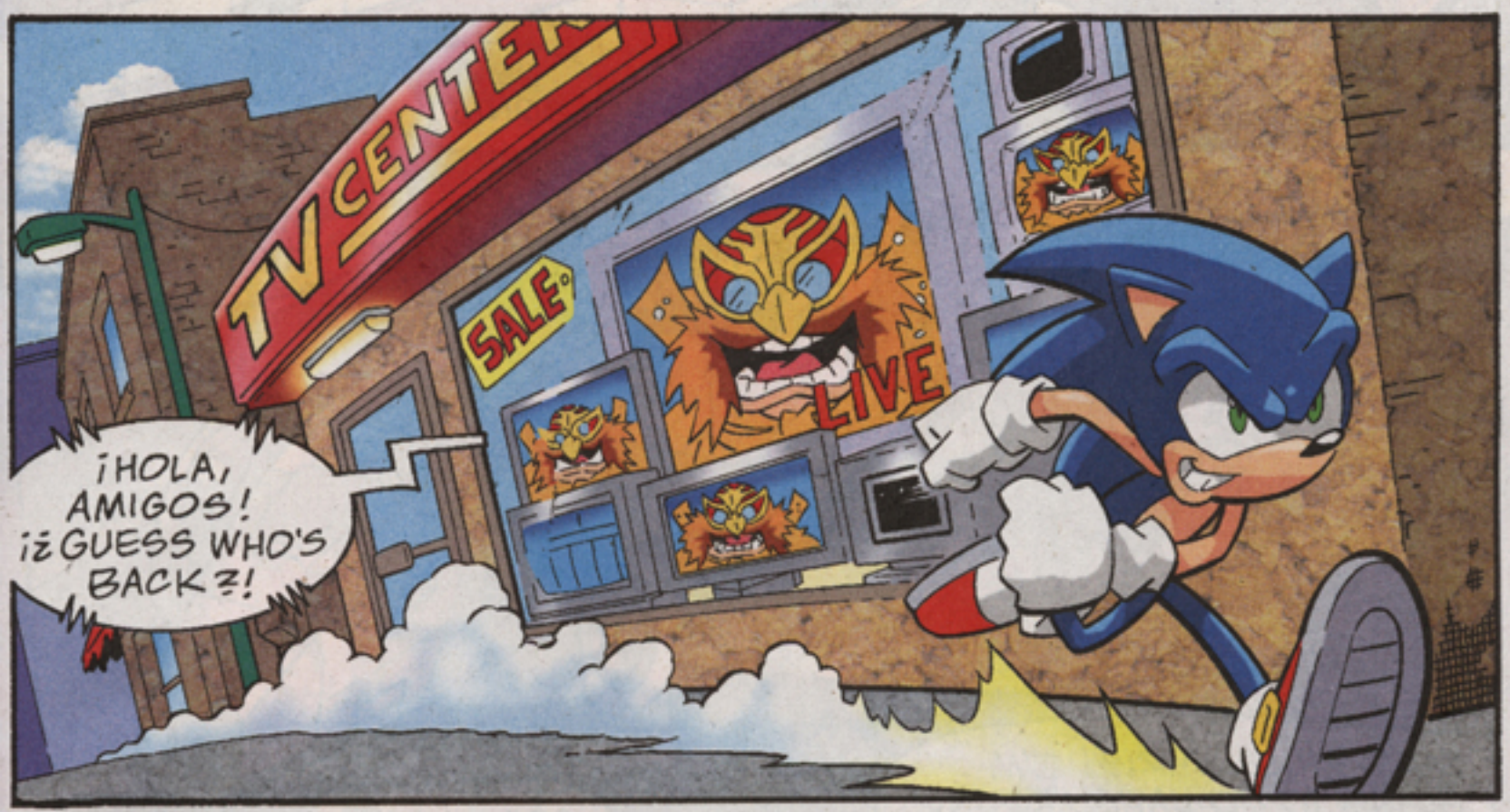
R-R-REMEMBER, DOCTOR!
Y-Y-YOU GAVE UP THAT SILLY LUCHADOR BUSINESS A LONG TIME AGO!

YOU MAY HAVE BEEN POPULAR AS EL GRAN GORDO, BUT YOU ENDED UP HAVING TO FIGHT SONIC IN THE RING!

WHILE YOU WERE BUSY WITH THAT, BOKKUN WENT CRAZY AND TRIED TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD!*

*REMEMBER ALL THE WACKY FUN IN SX #26-27?

THE NEXT DAY...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT CHRIS SEES IN THAT FAKE WRESTLING. SURE THERE ARE COLORFUL COSTUMES, AND LOTS OF ACTION, AND BIGGER-THAN-LIFE CHARACTERS...
...BUT HE LIVES THAT EVERY DAY WITH ME!
KA-BOOM!
WHAT WAS THAT ?!
NYAR-HAR-HAR! GIMME THOSE SWEETS! AND MONEY, TOO, I GUESS...
GO AHEAD BAKE MY DAY
EGGMAN'S ALREADY TAKEN FORTY CAKES! THAT'S TERRIBLE! TIME TO KICK HIS KEISTER AGAIN!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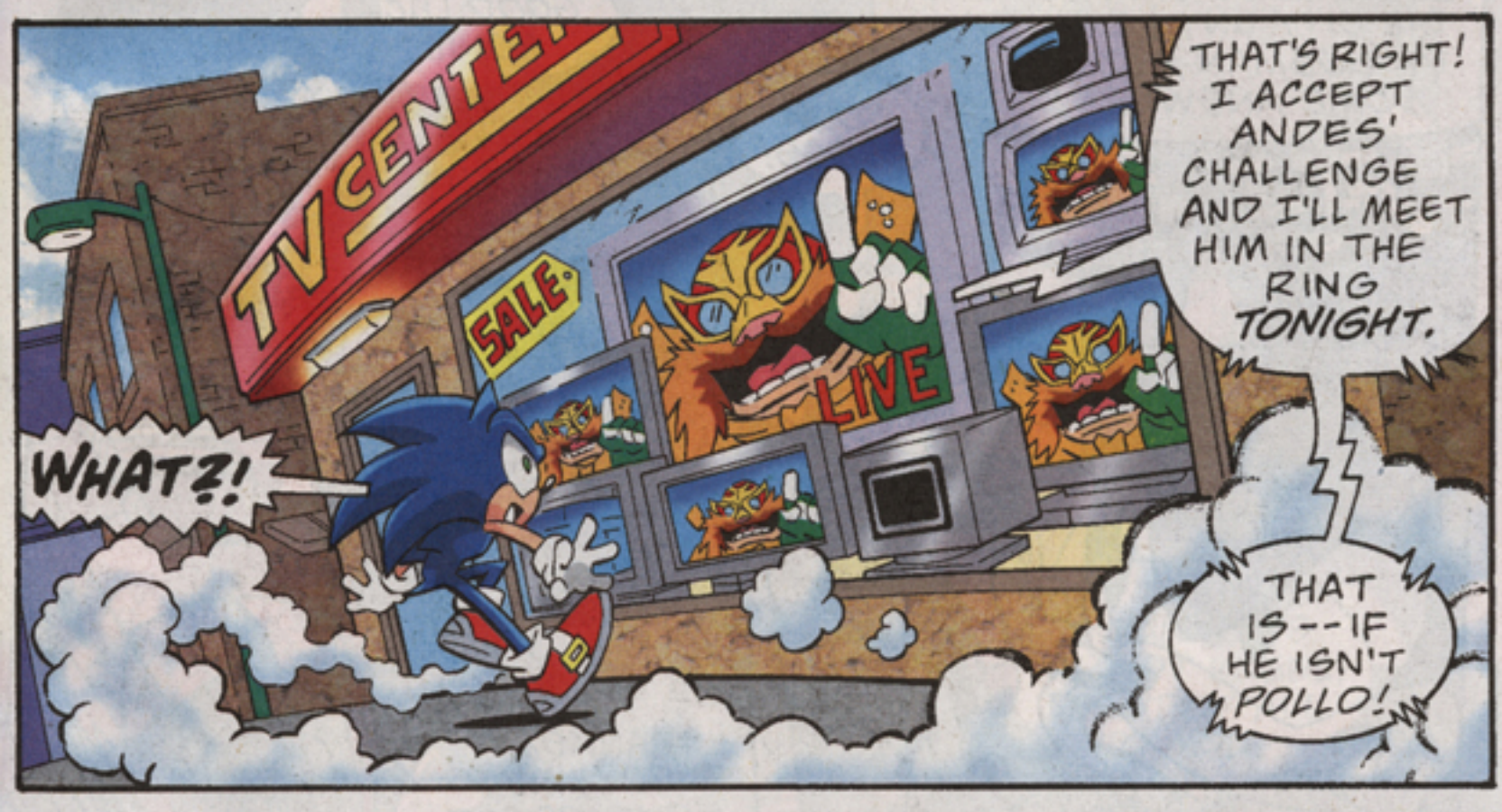
¡HOLA, AMIGOS! ¡¿GUESS WHO'S BACK?!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WHAT?!
THAT'S RIGHT! I ACCEPT ANDES' CHALLENGE AND I'LL MEET HIM IN THE RING TONIGHT.
THAT IS--IF HE ISN'T POLLO!

HOW CAN HE BE MAKING A LIVE BROADCAST WHEN HE'S RIGHT OVER...

...THERE. SHOOT.

THAT NIGHT!
HEY, SONIC!
AREN'T YOU COMING TO THE BIG FIGHT TONIGHT?
NO THANKS, CHRIS! I'M GOING TO DO LAPS AROUND THE CITY UNTIL I FIND DR. EGGMAN AND GET SOME ANSWERS!
YOUR LOSS!
GOOD LUCK, SONIC!
THANKS, BUDDY! SNAP A PICTURE FOR ME IF GRAN GORDO GETS HIT WITH A FOLDING CHAIR!

IT LOOKS LIKE YOU ALL CAME OUT HERE FOR NOTHING. HERE IS THE CHAMPION'S BELT. I DON'T SEE ANY CHALLENGERS FOR IT! WHERE IS THAT COWARD? WHERE IS EL GRAN GORDO?
WAIT NO LONGER. ¡EL GRAN GORDO IS HERE!
EL GRAN
SO--YOU'RE THE ONE WHO ORDERED THE MUY GRANDE SMACK-DOWN?
GORDO RULES
#1
THE MOUNTAINS DO NOT KNEEL, LEAST OF ALL TO YOU.

UNO MOMENTO, ANDY. I OWE MY FANS AN EXPLANATION,
I AM SORRY I HAD TO FOOL YOU ALL LAST TIME. I AM NOT DR. EGGMAN. DID YOU SEE THE NEWS REPORT ABOUT HIM ROBBING THAT BAKERY TODAY?
THE TRUTH IS, IT WAS AN ELABORATE PLAN TO SAVE YOU ALL! TO SAVE OUR PRESIDENTE! BUT NOW I AM COME BACK TO YOU, MY FAITHFUL FANS! I AM THE ONE, TRUE EL GRAN GOR--
EL GR
--D'OH!
SLAM!

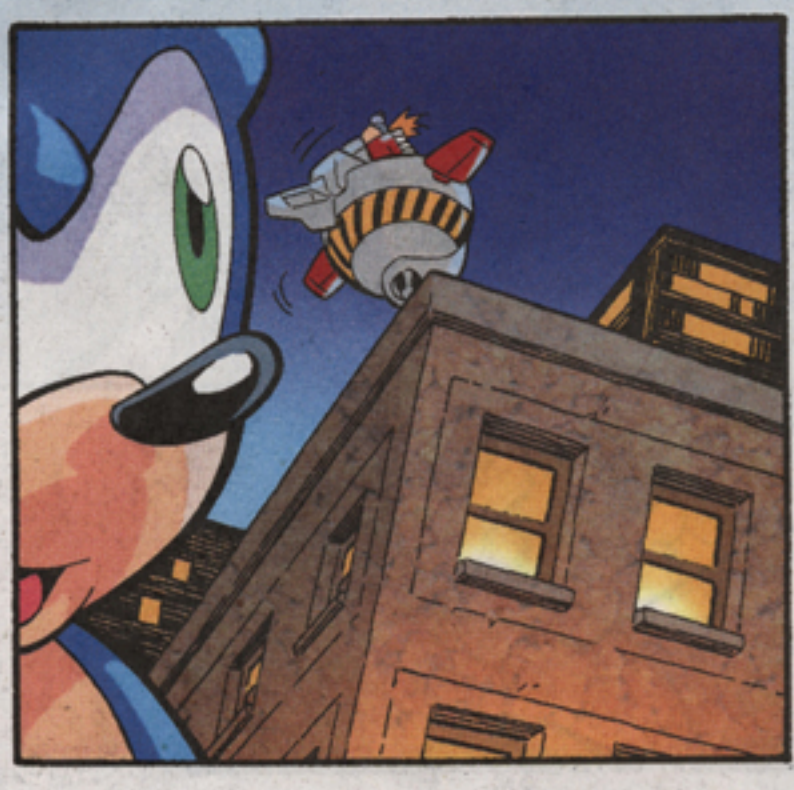
¡CARAMBA! I FORGOT ALL MY VICTORIES CAME OUT OF TRICKERY!
AND YET... EVEN THOUGH I LOST MY FIGHT WITH SONIC, I LASTED LONGER THAN ANY OF MY ROBOTS EVER HAVE!
IF I CAN GO THE ROUNDS WITH THE RODENT, YOU WILL BE NOTHING!
¡ARRRRRRRIBA!

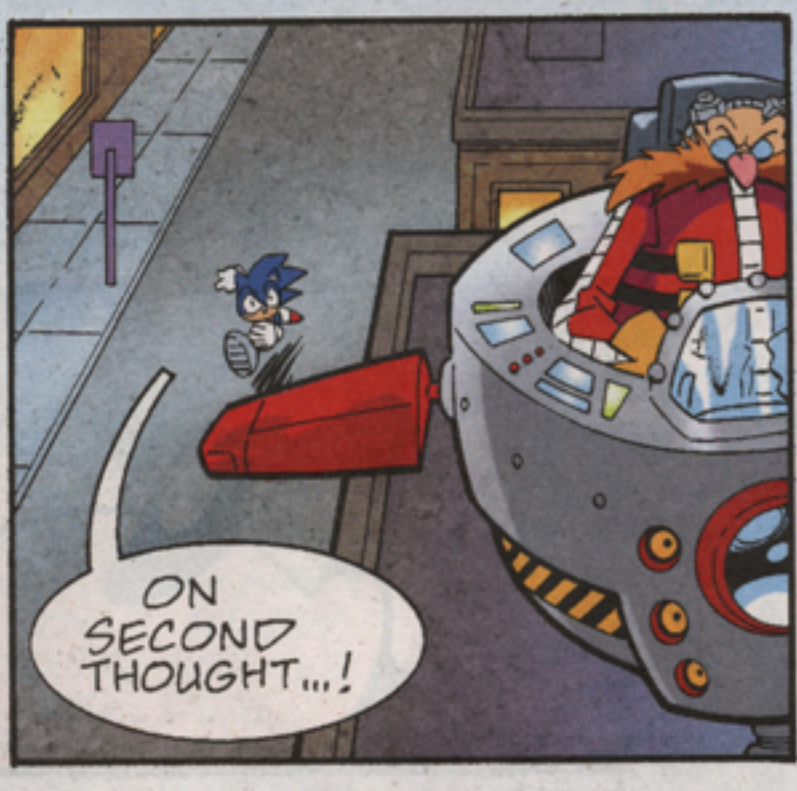
TOSS!
TWANG!
CLUD!
EL GRAN
ON THE OTHER HAND...

I'LL ADMIT, THAT *DOES* LOOK ENTERTAINING...

...AND SEARCHING THE CITY IS GETTING ME NOWHERE FAST.

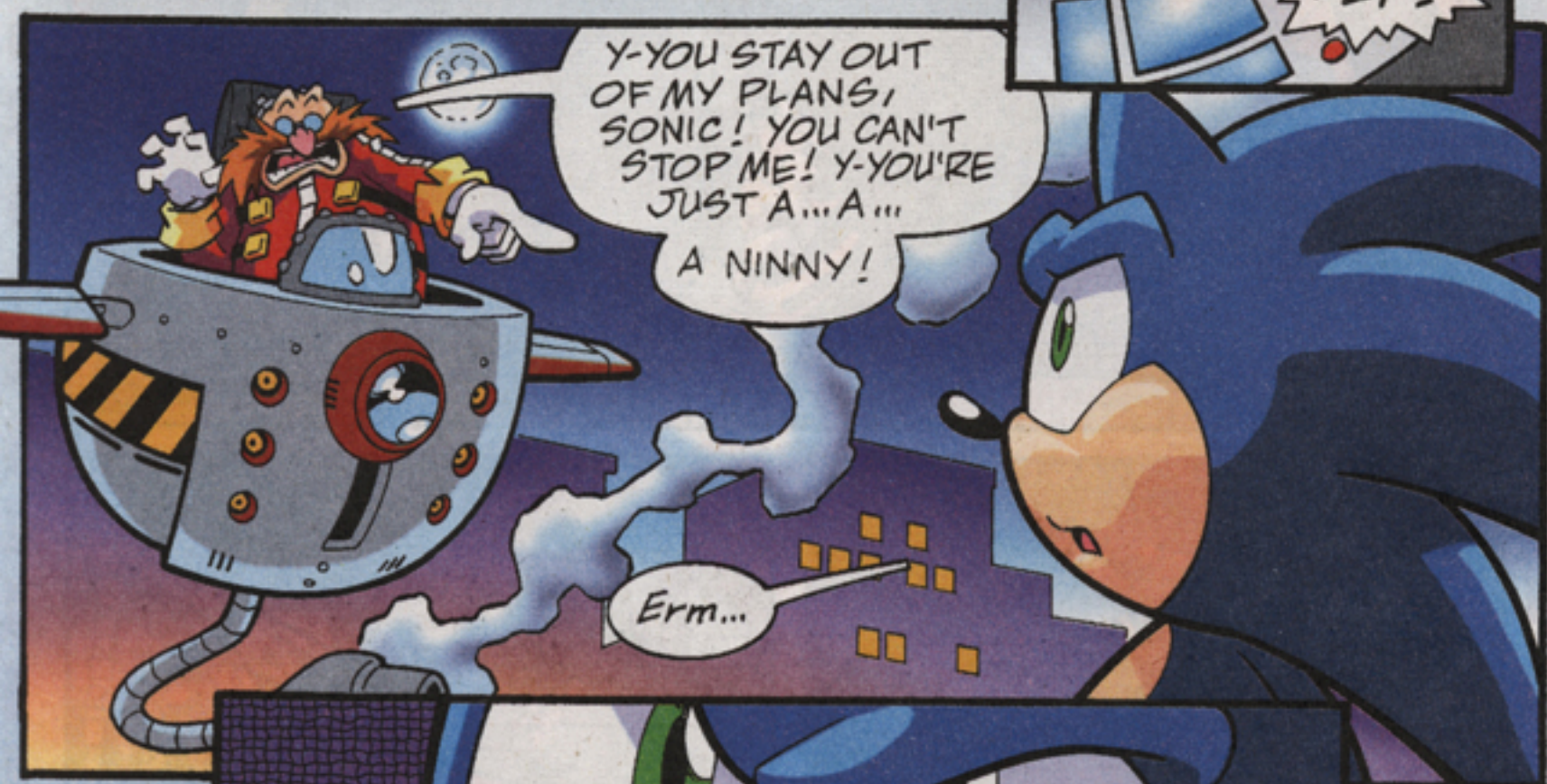
MAYBE I SHOULD QUESTION GRAN GORDO INSTEAD.

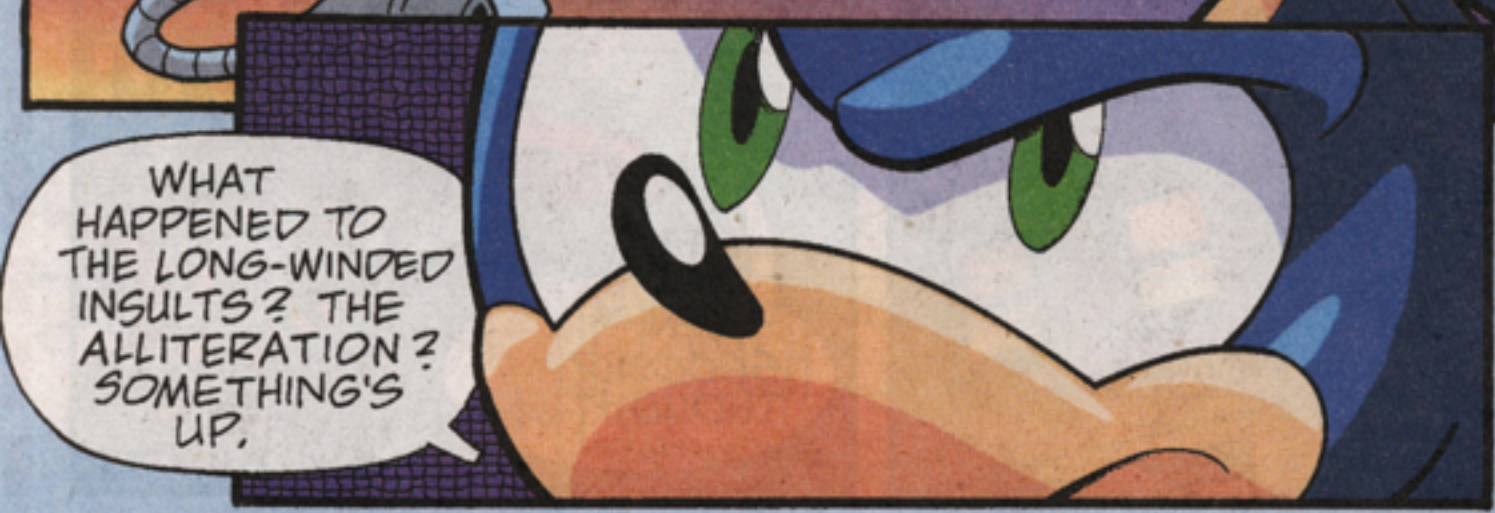


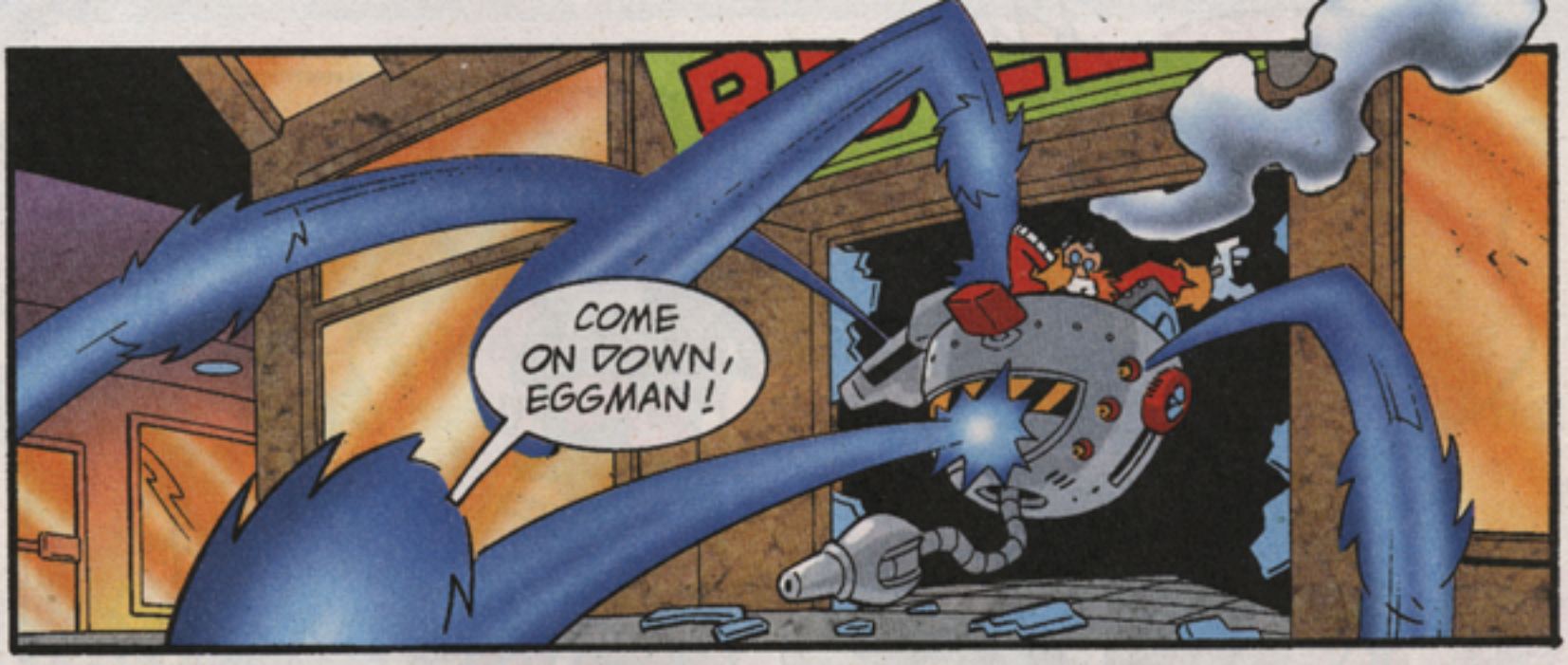


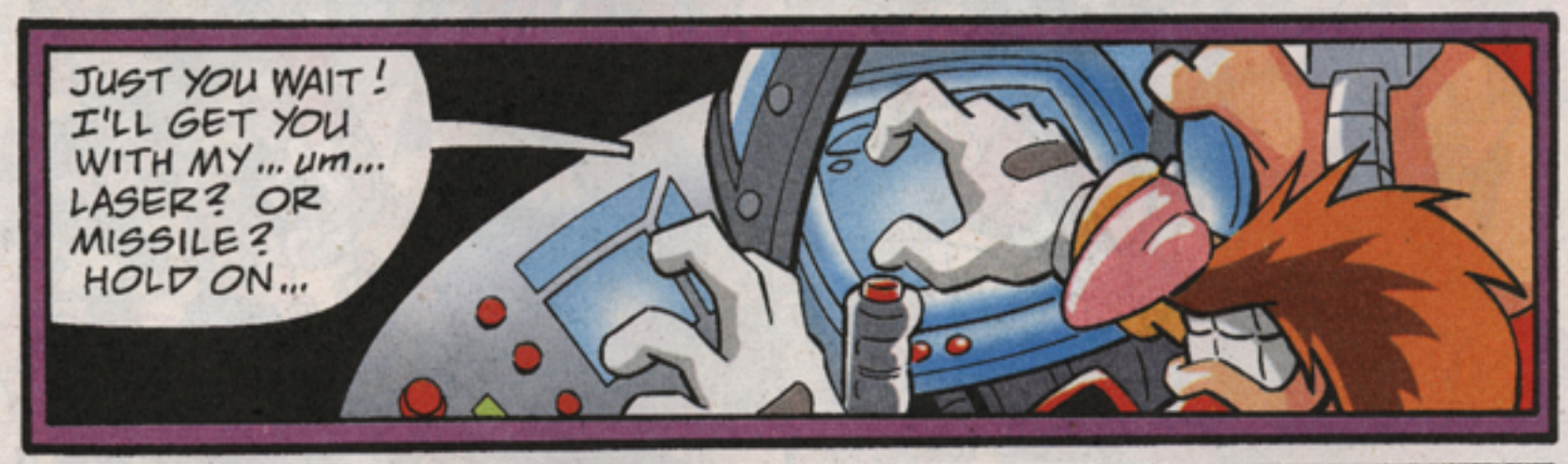
FIRST A BAKERY AND NOW A CANDY STORE. I DIDN'T THINK THE DOC HAD THAT BIG OF A SWEET TOOTH.
SUGAR BUZZ
ZAP!
NEWS

OUT FOR A LATE-NIGHT SNACK, EGGMAN?
EEP!


Y-YOU STAY OUT OF MY PLANS, SONIC! YOU CAN'T STOP ME! Y-YOU'RE JUST A... A...
A NINNY!
Erm...


WHAT HAPPENED TO THE LONG-WINDED INSULTS? THE ALLITERATION? SOMETHING'S UP.




THIS ONE? NO--THIS ONE? COME ON! ONE OF THESE HAS TO DO SOMETHING!

EXIT

HE DOESN'T KNOW WHERE HIS WEAPONS ARE? NOW I KNOW YOU'RE NOT THE REAL DEAL.

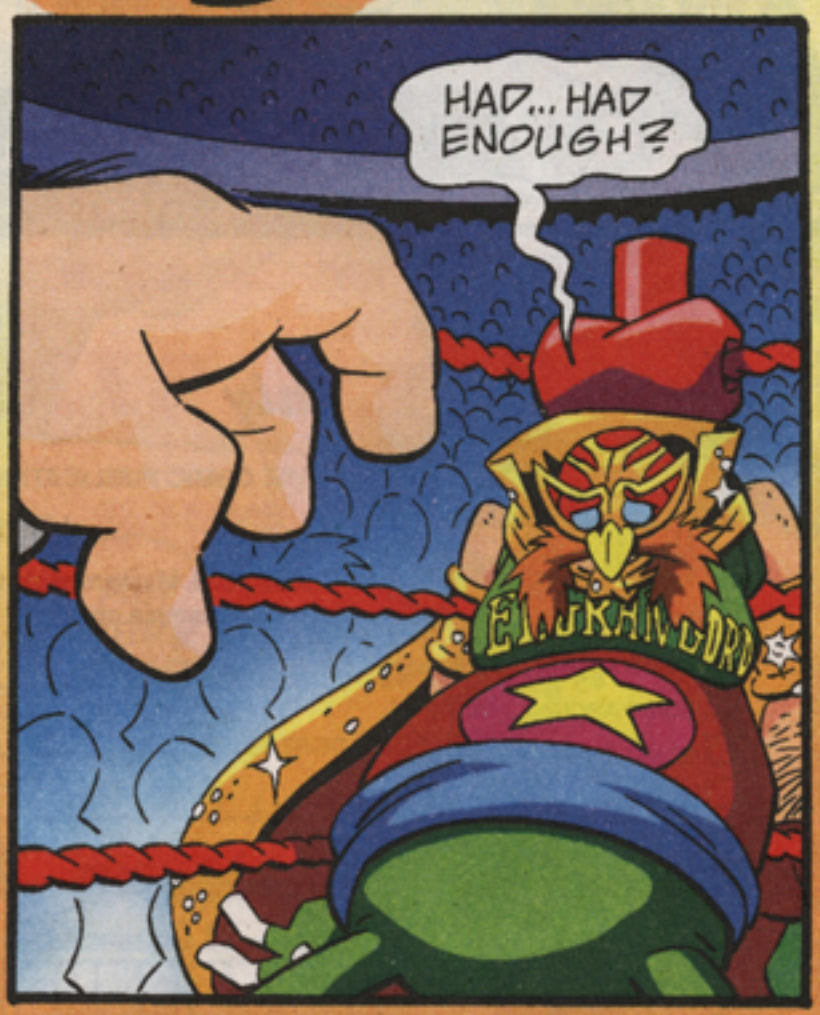
POW!
NERGF!
HA! GOTCHA!
WHAM!
OH NO! THE CANDY!
AH, THERE WE GO. NOW I KNOW WHO YOU ARE...

...BOKKUN!

Ah-heh-heh... WOULD YOU BELIEVE THE DOCTOR MADE ME DO IT?

I GET IT NOW. YOU MAKE IT LOOK LIKE DR. EGGMAN IS STILL AROUND, SO HE CAN PRETEND TO BE EL GRAN GORDO!

PRETTY MUCH. YOU OUGHT TO JOIN THE CHAOTIX.



YOU ARE PATHETIC. I BECAME CHAMPION DREAMING OF FIGHTING YOU. AND HERE YOU ARE--A GRAN FALSO!
GO AHEAD AND TAP OUT! SURRENDER! I SHOULDN'T HAVE TO WASTE MY ENERGY TO END YOU MYSELF.
GO GO
¿QUE?
I BELIEVE IN YOU.

EL GRAN GORDO NEVER SURRENDERS!
EL GRAN GORDO

¿WHAT SHOULD IT BE, AMIGOS? ¡¿THE FLYING GORDITO SMASHER?!
GRAN GORDO
YEAH! THE SMASHER!
GO GO GORDO
¡FLYING GORDITO SMASHER!
YAY!
YAYYAAAAAAY!
SPLAT!
CHAMPION
HOORAY
EL GRAN GORDO

SUGAR BUZZ
HERE'S YOUR CULPRIT, GUYS.
THANKS AGAIN FOR THE HELP, SONIC.
I WON'T GO THAT EASILY!
WHOA!
JUST WAIT UNTIL I GET SOME TRACTION!
MWEE-HEE-HEE! SEE YOU LATER, BOYS-IN-BLUE!
SHOOT.

NOT LONG AFTER...

HEY, SONIC! HOW WAS YOUR NIGHT?

NOT VERY PRODUCTIVE, UNFORTUNATELY. HOW WAS --?

IT WAS INCREDIBLE! IT WAS EVEN MORE EPIC THAN YOUR FIGHT WITH HIM!

I WAS REALLY WORRIED FOR EL GRAN GORDO TOWARDS THE END!

YEAH, BUT HE TOTALLY TURNED IT AROUND! I BET HE WAS JUST LETTING ANDES BEAT ON HIM TO BUILD THE SUSPENSE!

AND THE BEST PART? HE ISN'T REALLY DR. EGGMAN!

SPEAKING OF WHICH, DID YOU FIND ANY CLUE AS TO WHY DR. EGGMAN ROBBED THAT BAKERY?

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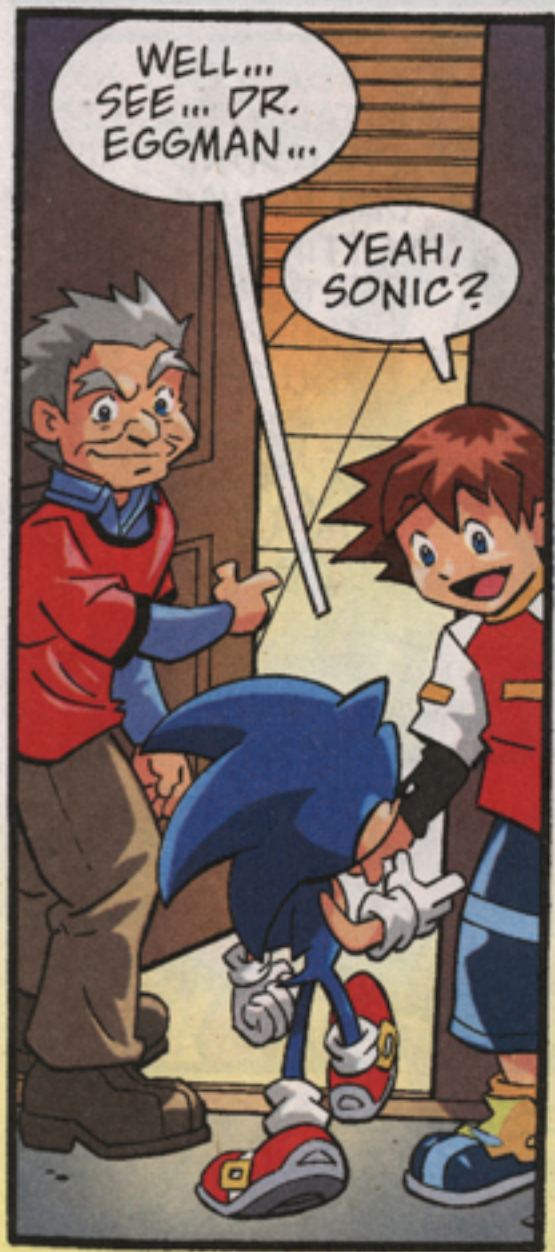


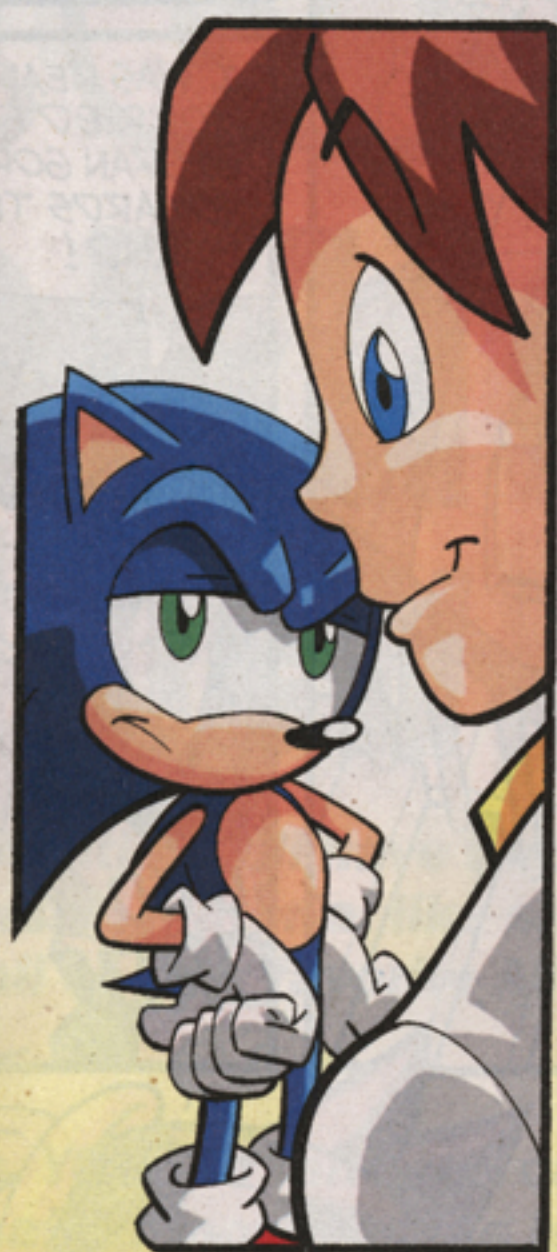

Um... BUENOS NOCHES. IS SONIC THE HEDGEHOG HOME? I NEED HIS HELP.
EL GRAN GORDO
CHAMPION